

**REMARKS**

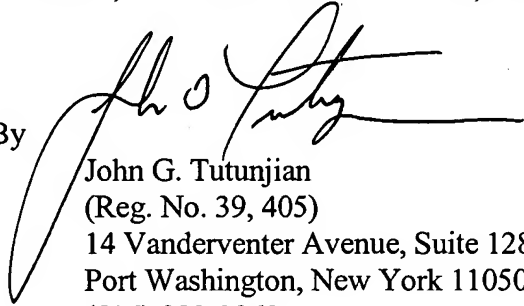
Applicant has, by this Preliminary Amendment, amended claims 1-6, 8, 9, 11, 12, 14 and 15 to conform the same to U.S. practice. The Amendments are made to the claims currently on file with the International Bureau. Amendments made to the claims are not intended to be narrowing or motivated by statutory requirements for patentability. Instead the amendments have been made to improve readability and clarity and to conform to U.S. practice. No new matter has been added.

Moreover, an Abstract on a separate sheet is attached to this amendment to facilitate the examination of the same. No new matter has been added.

Applicant respectfully requests examination based on the amended claims as presented herein and the remaining originally presented claims. Claims 1-15 are now pending in this application.

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